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**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments, statements and arguments below is respectfully requested.

**CLAIM STATUS**

Claims 35-43, 51-54, and 56-57 remain pending after the amendment herein.

Claims 1-35 and 44-50 were previously cancelled.

Claim 35-43, 52-54 and 57 were withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 51, 55, 56, and 58 were rejected.

Claim 55 and 58 are cancelled herein.

Claims 51 and 56 are amended herein.

Claims 51 and 56 are independent claims.

**SPECIFICATION**

The specification is amended to correct minor editorial problems. Specifically typographical errors in a couple of words and numerical references are addressed.

**REJECTION OF CLAIMS**

1. **Claims 51 and 56 Are Not Obvious Because Aoki and Gasparrini Do Not Teach or Suggest All Claim Limitations**

Claim 51 and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Aoki (5,509,353) in view of Gasparrini (5,368,157). Applicants traverse the rejection and submit a prima facie case of obviousness has not been made.

Aoki describes a system in which a cleaning sheet (59) is impregnated with cleaning fluid before it makes contact with a drum (11). After the drum (11) is cleaned, the flow of cleaning fluid to the cleaning sheet is stopped while the winding shaft (61) continues to move the cleaning sheet (59). As dry portions of the cleaning sheet (59) come into contact with the drum (11), any cleaning fluid remaining on the drum (11) is absorbed and removed. (See Col. 5, lines 33-39).

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Aoki is silent as to removing excess solvent from the sheet in a controlled and regulated manner before use or cleaning the cylinder. In fact, Aoki teaches away from such a structure by allowing the sheet to dry during cleaning.

The Gasparrini reference describes a pre-packed, pre-soaked cleaning system in which excess solvent is simply permitted to drain off. (See Col. 6, lines 58-62; Col. 6, line 67 – Col. 7, line 2).

The Gasparrini reference is also silent as to removing excess solvent from the sheet in a controlled and regulated manner before use. The Gasparrini reference also teaches away from what is claimed by having excess solvent drain off in an uncontrolled manner.

The Applicants, on the other hand, claim a method of presoaking a cleaning fabric supply roll for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press that requires removing excess solvent from the cleaning fabric supply roll prior to the cleaning of the cylinder. A distinct advantage of the clearing system of the Applicants' claimed invention is that maximum cleaning efficiency is achieved by removing excess solvent from the cleaning fabric supply roll in a controlled and regulated manner before the cleaning fabric supply roll is used to clean the cylinder of the printing press. None of the cited references teach or suggest such a method.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references teach away from the Applicants' claimed invention by requiring that excess solvent is either removed after the cylinder of the printing press is cleaned or in an uncontrolled and unregulated manner.

It is well settled that in an obviousness determination consideration must be given to where the references diverge and teach away from the claimed invention. To establish a prima facie case of obviousness all claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. Since the references cited do not teach or suggest what the Applicants have claimed, a prima facie case

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of obviousness has not been made. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION AND AUTHORIZATION

For at least these reasons, it is believed that all of the claims as presently presented, are patentable, and that this application is now in allowable condition. If the Examiner has any suggestions to expedite the pendency of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the below mentioned attorney at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 0140-4126US4.

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